

Group II, claim 9, drawn to polymeric coated substrate classified in class, 428 and 442 subclasses 411.1+ and 110 respectively.

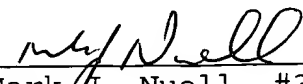
Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-8 and 10-26 for examination in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of canceled claim 9 in an application filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark J. Nuell (Reg. No. 36,623) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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